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(54) Title: FCE FUSION PROTEINS FOR TREATMENT OF ALLERGY AND ASTHMA

(57) Abstract: The present invention includes Fcε fragments conjugated with FCγ fragments, for example, Fcε1-Hinge-FcE2-FcE3-FcE4-FCγ; Hinge-FcE2-FcE3-FcE4- Fcγ; Fcε2-Fcε3-Fcε4-FCγ; Fcε2-Fcε3- Fcγ; Fcε3-Fcγ, and Fcε3-Fcε4-FCγ, or any deriva-
tive or peptide, which has equivalent immunological function. The Fcγ fragment may be a fragment of any of the IgG subclasses (IgG1 I IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4), preferably IgG1 or IgG3, wherein the fragment binds FcγRIIB. The present invention also includes compositions suitable for administering to a patient suffering from an allergic disease comprising the fusion protein construct in a pharmaceutical composition including, for example, an excipient, diluant, or carrier. This treatment may be combined with anti-IgE therapy or allergen immunotherapy.

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